परिवहन के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश और अन्य राज्यों को वित्तीय सहायता देने हेतु कोई योजना तैयार की गई है अथवा इस पर विचार किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इसमें उत्तर प्रदेश के कौन-कौन से क्षेत्र शामिल किए गए हैं; और

(घ) उत्तरी राज्यों के ग्रामीण जिलों तथा बिहार और महाराष्ट्र के पर्वतीय जिलों के लिए कितनी राज-सहायता दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय) : (क) से (घ) भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा मासिक आबंटनों के प्रति राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली, आदि के लिए खाद्यान्न जारी किए जाते हैं । ये निर्गम केन्द्रीय मूल्यों पर (भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदामों से) किए जाते हैं। भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदामों/डिपुओं से खाद्यान्नों की ढुलाई लागत की प्रतिपूर्ति राज्य सरकारों को नहीं की जाती है । तथापि, पहली अगस्त, 1975 से लागू पहाड़ी परिवहन राजसहायता योजना के अधीन केन्द्रीय सरकार भारतीय खाद्य निगम के आधार सप्लाई डिपुओं से पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में स्थित जिलों में प्रमुख वितरण केन्द्रों तक ढुलाई लागत की प्रतिपूर्ति करती है । उक्त योजना इस समय पहाड़ी बहुल राज्यों अर्थात अरुणाचल प्रदेश, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू और कश्मीर, मणिपुर, मेघालय, नागालैंड, मिजोरम, सिक्किम, त्रिपुरा, अण्डमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह तथा लक्षद्वीप में लागू है ।

चूंकि उत्तर प्रदेश पहाड़ी बहुल राज्य नहीं है, इसलिए यह राज्य पहाड़ी परिवहन राज-सहायता योजना के अधीन नहीं आता है । उक्त योजना बिहार और महाराष्ट्र पर भी लागू नहीं है ।

New Sugar Policy

3147. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since finalised the new sugar policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what specific improvements will it carry in licensing, production, sale and exports of sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The salient features of the New Sugar Policy are as under :—

(1) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane for the current 1992-93 season has been increased to Rs. 31 per quintal from Rs. 26 per quintal prevailing during the last season. An advance announcement of SMP of Rs. 32.50 per quintal has been made for 1993-94 season.

(2) The uniform retail issue price of levy sugar has been revised from Rs. 6.90 per Kg. to 8.30 per Kg. effective from 17-2-93.

(3) The ratio of levy : free sale sugar has been revised to 40 : 60 for 1992-93 season as against 45 : 55 earlier.

(4) Additional production of sugar factories during the period 1st of January, 1993 to 30th April, 1993, over the corresponding period during 1991-92 season, would be entitled to 80% free sale quota, as against the normal 60%.

(5) The sugar factories which would undertake sugar production during the late crushing period, i.e., 1st of May to 31st July, 1993, would be entitled to higher free sale quota of 72%, as against the normal 60%.

(6) The incentive scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects has been suitably revised.

(7) A buffer stock of 5 lakh tonnes of sugar will be created with effect from 1-4-1993 and sugar factories would be reimbursed the storage, interest and insurance charges from the Sugar Development Fund.

(8) As regards licensing, the present licensing arrangements, as per the licensing policy guidelines announced on 8-11-91, would continue for the time being.

All these measures aim at improving the financial viability of the sugar industry leading to increased production, sale and exports of sugar. These measures would also provide consequential relief to the farmers in terms of non-accumulation of cane price arrears.

Preventing Distortion of Text Books

3148. SHRI MD. SALIM :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to enact any constitutional amendment to prevent distortion of school and college text books;

(b) if so, by when, and whether the views of the State Governments have been obtained in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the State Government's thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Condition of Santiniketan

3149. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Santiniketan envisioned as a Centre for unconventional movement towards educational, cultural and spiritual development is fast heading towards destruction by the selling of land by real estate agents, building of hotels, rest houses;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for deviating from the basic concept of Santiniketan; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Visva-Bharati, there are private as well as lease-hold lands in Santiniketan. The Lease Holders cannot sell or transfer the lands without prior permission of the University. However, the transfer or sale of private lands is not controlled by the University. The University has reported that the transfer of private lands outside the Campus to real estate agents does not directly affect the basic concept of Santiniketan.

Block covered under integrated Child Development Scheme

3150. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of blocks presently covered under the Integrated Child Development Scheme in the country; and

(b) whether the scheme also provides nutritions food to children and if so, the details in this regard, Statewise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI): (a) As on 31-12-92, 2765 blocks are covered under the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme in the country.